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In re Application of: HOWLAND, Charles A.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No. 09/943,749

Examiner: Pierce, Jeremy R.

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For: METHODS OF IMPROVING THE DYEABILITY AND PUNCTURE RESISTANCE OF FABRICS COMPRISING HIGH TENACITY FIBERS AND FABRICS PRODUCED BY SUCH METHODS

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**Request for Continued Examination Transmittal Letter**

Applicant is in receipt of the Advisory Action of April 29, 2003, stating its proffered after-final amendments and remarks tendered in correspondence of April 22, 2003 will not be entered. Applicant requests the prior amendments and remarks, previously filed on April 22, 2003, be entered as a preliminary amendment to this Request for Continuing Examination.

Applicant respectfully herein submits:

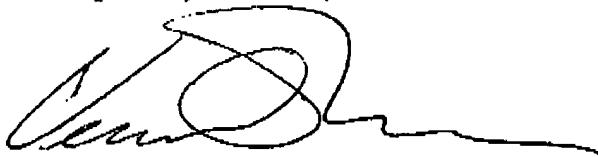
- 1) Request for Continued Examination PTO/SB/30
- 2) Form PTO/SB/17 in the amount of \$580.00, for RCE Filing Fee (small entity) \$375.00; and Extension for response within first month (small entity) \$205.00.

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<b>Application Number</b>	09/943,749
<b>Filing Date</b>	08/30/2001
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	HOWLAND, Charles A.
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<b>Examiner Name</b>	PIERCE, Jeremy R
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	W0480/7031

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 04/22/2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
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- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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	Date	June 20, 2003	

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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 580.00)

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 760	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	
			- 3** =	X	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 260	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	205
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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